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DADE COUNTY HISTORIC SURVEY

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SITE INVENTORY FORM

Site No.

1009==

Site Name (Address) 3410 Poinciana Drive 905==Other Names for Site Four Way Lodge 930==

Other Nos. for Site _____ 906==

City & Zip Code Miami 813==Location Four Way Lodge Sub. 3rd Add. /
subdivision name3 / 8 868==
block no. lot no.County Dade 808== Survey Date 7812 820==

Owner of Site: Name: _____ ;

Address: _____ 902==

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Occupant, Tenant, or Manager: Name: _____ 904==

Type of Ownership:

☒ Private 848==
☐ Corporate 848==
☐ Municipal 848==
_____ 848==

Remarks: _____

Threats to Site:

☐ Zoning () 878==
☐ Development () 878==
☐ Deterioration () 878==
☐ Transportation () 878==
☐ Other (See Remarks): 878==

Condition of Site:

☒ Excellent 863==
☐ Good 863==
☐ Fair 863==
☐ Deteriorated 863==

Integrity of Site:

☐ Altered 858==
☐ Unaltered 858==
☐ Original Site 858==
☐ Restored () Date: 858==
☐ Moved () Date: 858==
☐ Destroyed () Date: 858==

Remarks: _____

Reporter (or local contact):

Name: Rodriguez, Ivan A. (Dade County Historic Survey) ;Address: Dade County Park and Recreation Department50 S.W. 32 Road; Miami, Florida 33129 816==Name of Project: Dade County Historic Survey 980==

Recorder:

Name & Title: Monroe, Elizabeth B. (HSS) ;Address: FDAHRM 818==

Previous Survey(s): enter activity/title of survey/name/date/repository)

839==

UTM Coordinates

Zone	Easting	Northing
		890==

Photographic Record Numbers 78N118HPS (28) 860==

Significance:

This residential structure is known as the Four Way Lodge. It was built circa 1911 by William J. Matheson. Matheson had made his fortune as an industrial chemist by developing and expanding the uses of coal tar dyes. In 1904 he sent his son, Hugh to the Florida Adirondack School (now Ransom). Young Hugh liked the area so much he encouraged his father to come down. Between 1906 and 1911 the elder Matheson purchased several tracts of land in Coconut Grove and constructed his first home in Miami, the Four Way Lodge. The only architect recorded as living in Miami in those early years is W.C. De Garmo. However, this house was probably designed by a northern architect as plans for the house do not remain with his memorabilia. The house was intended to be only a winter home, but by this time Matheson was investing heavily in South Florida real estate. He purchased over 1,000 acres of Key Biscayne, with son Hugh, on which he started a coconut plantation. He also bought a large parcel of land off Old Cutler Road in South Dade County. As more members of the family began spending longer periods of time in Coconut Grove, the family needed a larger house.

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Original Use:

☒ Private Residence 838==
☐ Apartment Building 838==
☐ Hotel 838==
☐ Commercial 838==
☐ Other: 838==

Areas of Significance:

☐ Architecture 910==
☐ Commerce 910==
☐ Exploration & Settlement 910==
☐ Social/Humanitarian 910==
☐ Other: 910==

Present Use:

☒ Private Residence 850==
☐ Apartment Building 850==
☐ Hotel 850==
☐ Commercial 850==
☐ Other: 850==

Period:

☒ 20th Century 845==
☐ 19th Century 845==

Culture/Phase American 840==

N.R. Classification Category: Building 916==

Specific Dates: Beginning ca. 1911 844==

CONTINUATION SHEET

CONTINUATION OF STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

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The Four Way Lodge was sold in 1916 to Arthur Curtis James and his wife Harriet Parson James. James was another multi-millionaire from the North. He was at one time considered the second wealthiest man in America. His grandfather, Daniel James, made a vast fortune in copper, silver, and gold mining as an associate of Anson Phelps and William E. Dodge. A.C. James added to the family coffer through the liquor and railroad industries. At the time he bought it, the Four Way Lodge stood on approximately 20 acres which ran from Biscayne Bay to west of Main Highway.

The Matheson family has figured prominently in the history of Miami throughout the twentieth century. William and his son Hugh donated the land for both Matheson Hammock Park and Crandon Park on Key Biscayne, to Dade County. Hugh Matheson served as the Mayor of Coconut Grove from 1922 - 1923, before it was annexed to the City of Miami. Other members of the family have been elected to posts in state and local government.

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